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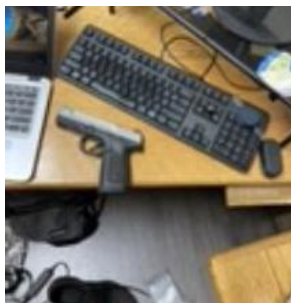
Burglary, and Hit and Run suspect safely apprehended

(Bremerton, WA) - On 7/4/21 at 1111 A.M., Bremerton Police officers were dispatched to an alarm at the Agape Unlimited building on Auto Center Way. Officers checked the exterior of the property and then checked inside with an Agape employee who discovered a newly broken window. With evidence of a break-in the employee was asked to wait outside, and officers continued to check the interior. They found a locked office door, and began a dialogue with a suspect inside.

During this time officers determined the suspect was involved in a hit and run collision shortly before the alarm activation. That collision resulted in significant damage to a power pole on Harlow Dr. The suspect made suicidal statements to officers during their interaction. For nearly an hour officers spoke to the suspect which included attempting to get him access to the building phones to call his wife. When an officer used their own phone to get his wife on the phone the suspect suddenly said he did not want to talk to her. During the time officers spoke to him he hesitated when asked if he had weapons inside the room with him. This concerned the officers who were on the other side of the door.

A supervisor was given a key for the door, which was used to unlock it. The suspect tried to hold the door closed, but officers were able to make it inside. Once inside the suspect ignored all commands to surrender, and exhibited others signs he would not cooperate with police. A Taser was employed from behind a ballistic shield, incapacitating the suspect allowing officers to safely take him into custody with no injuries. A loaded firearm, evidence of drug use, and large amounts of meth, heroin, and pills were located in the room.

The suspect was evaluated at the hospital for a medical and mental health evaluation. Once cleared he was booked into the Kitsap County jail for; Burglary 1st Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 1st Degree, Possession w/ Intent to Deliver or Distribute, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Mischief 1st Degree, as well as Hit and Run. A bail was set at \$500,000.00.



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